

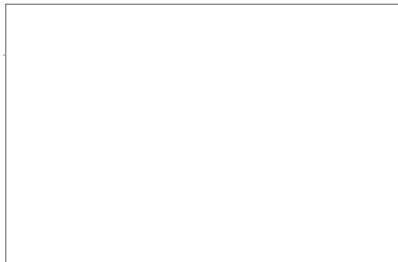
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REQUEST FOR CIA REPORTS ON
SOVIET UNION REACTION TO
RECENT STUDIES CONCERNING THE
LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR WAR
(NUCLEAR WINTER)

GAO is conducting a review regarding security planning implications of new scientific studies on the long-term climatic effects of nuclear war. The term "nuclear winter" has been coined to depict the catastrophic potential consequences of certain levels of nuclear weapon detonation as reflected in research by Carl Sagan and others.

As part of our effort, we would like to gauge the degree of acceptance of these recent studies by the international community, scientific and military. Recognizing that some Soviet Union scientists have reached conclusions similar to recent American studies, we are particularly interested in Soviet Union reaction internally. We would like to obtain copies of any studies on this subject completed by the C.I.A. We particularly want to obtain copies of the following reports, one or more of which may be classified secret:



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The General Accounting Office is conducting a review of the U.S. ability to simultaneously meet its defense commitments in Southwest Asia and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The objectives of this review are (1) to determine the impact of the U.S. commitment to project forces into Southwest Asia on the security interests and objectives of the United States and other members of NATO in Western Europe and (2) to assess the prospects of other NATO allies filling the potential gap in NATO defenses.

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